# THE PROPHECY OF GRETNERUS

## Concerning theſe Times.

*Gretnerus* was here in *England* with Queen *Elizabeth*, and preſented her with a faire manuſcript in Latine, deſcribing therein the whole future Hiſtory of *Europe*; here and there limning in water colours, ſome principall paſſages, for touches in the world of after ages. Doctor *Nowell* then Deane, or Clerke of the Cloſet, and very intimate with the Queen, got this Book of Her, and beſtowed it on the Library of *Trinity* Colledge in *Cambridge*; where that hath been publique to the eye of all perſons everſince, till about five years ſince it was much defaced.

The Library keeper hath it almoſt all by heart, who reſorting (after his expulſion) to this City, and keeping company with ſome Sequeſtred Reverend Fellows of that Houſe, have refreſhed their memories ſo well concerning what they had ſeene and read before, that they as well as he, were confident of what followeth.

1. In his predictions he deſcribeth the troubles of *Ruſſia*, and the Election of the *Swediſh* King, *Sigiſmond* by name, to be King of *Polonia*; by which he ſhould irrecoverably looſe his owne Inheritance.

2. That of the *Swediſh* uſurpers race, there ſhould be one *Guſtavus Adolpus* by name, that ſhould take an hint from the diſtractions in *Germany*, to enter the Empire with a ſmall Army, and there roule into a mighty force, and fight many Battels proſperouſly, but at the laſt in a pitched field he ſhould periſh.

3. That about that time ſhould raigne another *Rex Septentrionalis nomine Carolus, qui ducet in uxorem Mariam Papiſticam ex qua evadet Regnum omnium infæliciſſimus. Tunc Populus ipſius ditionis eliget alium ſibi Regem Comitem qui durabit in imperio tres annos aut eo circiter & poſtea idem populus eliget alium Regem Equitem non ejuſdem familiæ nec honoris, qui detrudet omnia ſub pedibus ſuis aliquanto longiore tempore, & poſt hunc nullum.*

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F. A. X.

*Paulo poſt apparebit quidam Carolus ex Carolo deſcendens ab immenſa claſſe in litus ditionis patris ſui, & cum auxiliariis Danencis, Swedicis, Holandicis, Francicis, & Hiſpanicis proſternabit adverſarios ſuos, & adminiſtrabit imperium ſuum perfæliciſſime & erit Carolo magno major.*

*Quod faxit Deus.*

FINIS.